

42-Luke-Pt15-Transcript

Transcript

Radiesse overnight tonight partly cloudy mild with those temperatures dropping down into the mid-70s now we've got some big changes here for the upcoming work week starting tomorrow we're going to have a volcanic eruption right near Charlottesville and it's going to make things rather toasty cross the area we're going to see lava spill out into central Virginia and make temperatures in Richmond at 350 degrees

Fredericksburg at 3:45 Charlottesville the hotspot at 400 not as hot off towards the Tidewater a little bit more comfortable with highs near 100 degrees the reason why we're going to have tidal waves moving in ahead of this a global super storm developing off towards the Atlantic Ocean this thing is headed our way but the key to the forecast right before this thing makes landfall it is going to be deflected by Godzilla now a lot can change between now and then we're looking at the latest data we'll continue to bring you the very latest

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well welcome to and other Wednesday night Bible study thank you very much for joining us and apologize for being a little bit late this evening just again working on the technology and all the problems that we've had over the last couple of weeks with the audio I can assure you that it is down to user error I've just been upgrading the software

and this software this version works a bit differently than the previous version but I'm slowly figuring it out and slowly by slowly we will work through the technology and be able to deliver a smooth broadcast hope you enjoyed the opening video speaking about the weather forecast and I think that you'll find that this chapter of Luke has everything to do with understanding the weather forecast and being able to predict the weather before we get started I just want to remind you or tell you that next week we will not have Bible study I will be traveling and then we'll resume Bible study on May 10th that just gives me a little bit of extra time to work through and become familiar with the technology so we'll open with a word of Prayer and then we'll continue with the rest of Luke 12 and then we'll get into Luke chapter 13 Heavenly Father we pause before beginning the study this evening just to thank you Father for the wonderful opportunity that we have to study your word and to come to understand what Jesus Christ taught when he was here on earth to come to understand what Luke wanted Theophilus to understand as he penned this volume and also Acts and we putting this all together father we pray that you'll help us to better understand your will and then father help us to do your will do pray father for your assistance with the technology and just help us father to use whatever means we have while we have them to preach your word we thank you Father we ask your blessing now in Jesus Holy Name so with that brethren we'll get straight into the study continuing where we left off in Luke chapter 12 and you remember that pastor Murray joined us at the

as part of the study last week and he was explaining what it means to have your loins girded and really to take this garment that might inhibit your movement and to be able to turn it really into more like a pair of shorts that would enable you to go into battle and he explained the battle that we are in against the devil and our minds need to be girded into to successfully engage in that battle and also to run and at the end I saw explained how this is an illusion back to the Exodus and how while they ate the Passover lamb they had to have their loins girded in order to be ready to move a way out of the kingdom of Egypt and into the Promised Land and so that speaks to us today that we must have our loins girded and then just ending this section Christ gives this warning in verse 38 that if he comes in the second or the first of the second watch or the third watch and finds them they're blessed if they're watching and their loins are girded but he says if the good man had known what hour the thief would come he would have watched and not suffered his house to be broken through so be you therefore ready also in other words have your loins girded as pastor Murray was explaining afore the Son of Man comes at an hour when you think not now this is a verse that I just haven't seen before as I was doing this study this verse in Luke 12 and verse 41 really stood out to me he says here Peter said to him Lord do you speak this parable to us or to everybody is this a question is this something that you're telling us about or is this something that is sort of a general teaching for everybody that is around and remember actually from verse 1 if we remember verse 1 in the meantime

when they were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people in so much that they tread upon one another he began to say unto his disciples first of all so as we go into Luke chapter 12 there was this huge crowd around Christ but he was specifically teaching his disciples and so when when he started to get into this very strong warning this kind of dire warning of the consequences of not being ready Peter was kind of taken aback and and he's asking you know is this specifically to us disciples your disciples or this is this warning for the multitudes and so now Christ is going to answer this question verse 41 are you are you speaking this dire warning to us your disciples or to everybody and so Christ now begins to answer this question in verse 42 where he says here and the Lord said so he's remember he's answering Peters question who then is that faithful and wise steward whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household to give them their portion of meat in due season in in other words what Christ is saying here is that I'm speaking to you disciples that you're the ones that if you obey me I'm going to put you in charge of my household and then as a faithful steward over my household you'll be responsible then for feeding the household so the answer to Peters question is that that dire warning is specifically to you my disciples and there are some people who have this notion of once saved always saved it doesn't come from the Bible Jesus Christ is actually saying the exact opposite he's warning them to make sure that they don't miss out he says who then is that faithful and wise steward whom his Lord shall make ruler

over his household to give them the
portion of meat in due season blessed is
that servant whom his Lord when he comes
shall find so doing of a truth I say
unto you that he will make him ruler
over all that he has

you'll remember the scripture in Romans
Romans 8 where he says that we are heirs
with Christ in other words we will
inherit everything that Christ inherits
and so Christ is saying very clearly
here that the faithful servant will be
made ruler over all that he has and
again this is an answer to Peters
question are you speaking to everybody
or specifically to your disciples the
answer is to my disciples

the default harvest will be later and my
disciples will be ruler over the fall
harvest and over everything the whole
creation but there's a but now and if
that servant shall say in his heart my
lord delays his coming
so that servant believes that God is
going to be late that that somehow you
know the the prophecies are not
unfolding as quickly as he expected them
to unfold or for whatever reason he just
believes that okay the master has gone
away but he hasn't returned and so
Christ is giving them an indication that
his word will come to pass and don't get
discouraged

if he doesn't come right away but
clearly there are going to be servants
who are going to get discouraged I
believe that because he's not coming
right away you know they can they can
they don't have to have their loins
girded of a truth this is true I say to
you of a truth I say to you that he will
make him ruler over all that he has but
if enough that servant says in his heart
my lord delays his coming and shall

begin to beat the menservants and maidens and to eat and drink to eat and drink and to be drunken so something happens to Christ's followers where they believe that his return is no longer imminent they're not staying in that ready state their their loins are not staying girded their minds are not girded ready for battle ready to to move into the promised land at any moment they've lost they've lost this that the Lord delays is coming and not only that they have begun to become servants of the devil and they have turned on their other servants so these are these or firstfruits that were in the first fruit calling but they've somehow given up and they have now turned on their fellow Christians and not only that they're beginning to become drunken and you'll remember in first Corinthians 11 when Paul had to remind the Corinthians that they cannot allow themselves to become drunken and so here he says when you come together in one place this is not to eat the Lord's Supper and so this is the agape meal they actually had a full meal before the Passover and and they were not engaging in that agape meal with agape with love instead they were engaging it in it with selfishness and in a sense they had that sense of my lord delays his coming for in eating every one takes before the other his own supper so they're just looking after themselves and one is hungry and another is drunken so the ones that were they're able to get there early the wealthier ones they were having the full meal and and so much wine with the meal that they were actually drunk and meanwhile other brethren the poor ones who had to wait until sunset before they could get off work by the time they arrived all

the food was gone and so they were they were hungry they didn't get a chance to have their dinner and so this is this is what Christ was predicting would happen or was warning them against and we see it happening to the Corinthian church and by extension we know that it will happen in our time as well and so Paul says you know you should have houses they Egypt eat at home that you eat and drink in or is it that you despise the Church of God and you want to shame the poor what should I say to you do I praise you in this I do not praise you in other words he condemns them so so something was happening in the church here where they were beginning to think that Christ was delaying his coming and they were turning on one another and they didn't have that brotherly love and we need to be on guard that we do not lose this brotherly love and if our loins are not girded that's what that's what will happen to us so he's continuing now to answer this question do you speak this parable to us or to everybody and the answer is I'm speaking to you my disciples not to everybody and so he's saying the Lord of that servant will come in a day when he looks not for him so he's just believes that okay Christ is delayed is coming he's not but it's all going to happen so suddenly but all these friend time eschatological prophecies are going to happen suddenly so he says even though he thinks his Lord is late and delays is coming he is going to come and he's going to come suddenly at an hour when he is not aware and will cut him in two this is his own servant this this is his own disciple that he's speaking of he'll

cut him in two and will appoint him his portion with the unfaithful and that servant which knew his Lord's will and didn't prepare himself neither did according to his will so there's a will that God has that when we come into the fold and we say we are Christians we are following Christ why call him Lord if we do not do the things that he commands and so we say Lord Lord but we do what he tells us to do so we need to understand his will and we need we need to do it and here he's saying this person who didn't prepare himself and he didn't do according to his Lord's will he shall be beaten with many stripes but he that didn't know but committed things worthy of stripes he'll still be punished with few stripes for unto whomsoever much is given of him shall be much required and to him who men have committed much of him they will ask them more and so what is he talking about here well remember in Luke 11 when he taught them how to pray it was to pray for the Holy Spirit and he said you know if you being evil know how to give good gifts to your children how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him so for those of us who receive the Holy Spirit we have received much because there's an understanding that we're able to have that the Holy Spirit gives us so to whom much is given much is required if we have the Holy Spirit much is required of us and then here in 1st Corinthians 2 it shows us that the only reason men understand human matters and animals can't is because there's a human spirit in men and in the same way that animals cannot understand human matters human beings cannot understand godly matters because they don't have the holy spirit

but those of us who've been given the holy spirit we understand we know things and Christ is warning us that when we receive the Holy Spirit much is expected much is expected of us we are expected to carry out our masters will and to keep our loins girded to be ready to be in this constant state of readiness to be consumed with the entry of the kingdom of God and to be ready at any time to go into that Kingdom that's what God expects from us and so again where he says to whom much is given much is expected we have to be careful about being teachers because those of us who are teachers more is required of us the more we understand the more that's required of us and Christ is very clear his expectations must be met or there will be punishment so you know be very very careful with very very careful old saying we want to be a teacher because we will receive greater condemnation as the Holy Spirit will give us more understanding more is expected of us so again continuing in Luke 12 he's still continuing to answer here we see we read this part here that to whomsoever much is given much shall be required to whom men have committed much of him they will ask them more now notice verse 49 he says here I have come to send fire on the earth he has come to send fire on that that's that's his will that's what he's he left heaven and he came to earth and he's telling us that one of his purposes is to send fire on earth and we need to understand that that this is no small matter that Jesus Christ has come to earth to do battle with the devil and his kingdom to consume and destroy all of this full authority that the devil has and carries out on earth so so we need to

understand our Lord's will and his will
is to send fire on the earth and what
will I if it be kindled if it be already
kindled and and what he's saying here is
he has already initiated this process
and so there's really nothing more this
this is really this is what this is what
is underway that that the fire of God is
in process and ultimately the whole
earth will be consumed with this fire
but it's already in motion and those of
us who are in Christ need to understand
this and you remember the prophecy when
we were when we opened up in Luke 1
where Mary began to prophesy and she
said my soul does magnify the Lord and
my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior
so part of this salvation process it is
is to conquer the Empire of the devil
and to send fire on the earth for he
that is mighty has done to me great
things and holy is his name and his
mercy is on them that fear Him from
generation to generation
he has shown strength with his arm he
has scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts this is that
this fire that has already begun to
Kindle he has put down the mighty from
their seats and exalted them of low
degree he has filled the hungry with
good things and the rich he has sent
away
he has sent empty away he has helped his
servant Israel in remembrance of his
mercy so all of the proud all of the
arrogant they are going to be consumed
by this fire and so Christ is just
ensuring that we his disciples
understand what it is he's saying so you
know a lot of us think that you know
Christ is this soft tub this baby in a
manger and then he's the sort of
feminine looking man that just came to

die for us and well he's dead now and
this is so far from the truth
Christ is the conquering Lion of the
tribe of Judah and he came to earth to
to conquer and so we need to be very
very clear in
understanding that he has come to send
fire on the earth and he says here also
remember John when John prophesied of
his ministry that he said to them I
indeed baptize you with water but one
mightier than I comes the latchet of
whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose
he shall baptize you with the Holy
Spirit and with fire and so John is this
coming in the spirit of Elijah and he's
fulfilling the prophecy of Malachi that
says that he will purify the sons of
Levi that he is he is coming with fire
whose fan is in his hand and he will
thoroughly purge his floor and will
gather the wheat into his garner but the
chaff he will burn with fire
unquenchable this is very violent
language and and this is a real conflict
between the kingdom of God and the
kingdom of death of the devil and we
need to understand the the nature of
this conflict and our role in it so
continuing now in in Luke 12 in verse 50
so so in Luke 12 he says he's come to
send fire on the earth and then in verse
50 he says but I have a baptism to be
baptized with and how am I straightened
until it be accomplished so there's some
decisions that the translators have made
here that the you know to begin with the
word but I would disagree with that
translation I would I think now would be
a better better translation to say that
you know I've come to send fire on the
earth and now I have a baptism to be
baptized with so there's something that
he's going to be immersed in and the

time is now and how I am straightened
till it be accomplished and in that word
straighten would really be better
translated focused or compelled I am
driven to do this thing so I have
something that I have to do that is part
of setting this fire on the earth it's a
very critical role in destroying the
kingdom of God and so that's why he says
that he is straightened he's focused he
is so focused on this
until it's until it's accomplished until
it's fulfilled and in luke 9:51 you'll
remember where he came to pass when the
time was come that he should be received
up he steadfastly set his face to go to
Jerusalem and I think in the in the
original King James it gives the
impression I think distressed is the
word that he uses how distressed I am
and I think that's a poor translation he
is focused his mind is set he has set
his face steadfastly he is uh is just
compelled to do this thing until it's
done until it's accomplished so verse 51
now he says do you suppose that I am
come to send peace on the earth so do
you think that I've come to send peace
on earth he says I tell you no so again
we must understand his will so we are
his servants we must understand his will
he says here do you think that I've come
to give peace on earth
you know people send these Christmas
carols a peace on earth and goodwill to
all men and Jesus is just so soft and
lovely and he sees saying to his
disciples don't think for a minute that
that's why I left heaven to come to
earth this corrupt earth this evil earth
this earth that is ruled by Satan don't
think for a minute that I left heaven
just to say peace everybody everything's
fine everything is not fine people are

suffering under the hands and the the
the Dominion of the devil and he is
telling to crush that Dominion and a lot
of human beings unfortunately serve the
devil and and this is this they're going
to be caught up in this conflict
unfortunately they're going to be
serving the devil and Christ is going to
crush them with the devil and so let's
not think for a minute that Christ has
come to give peace on earth I tell you
know the exact opposite I have come to
bring division and I think to a lot of
people this would be be shocking and now
part of that process of bringing
division on the earth is sending his
disciples out into the earth
and so all of us who are Christians we
are part of this creation of division we
need to understand why and how we are
not to be violent people we do not
endorse violence of any kind Jesus
Christ will take care of the violent
with violence when he comes we are to be
peaceful people but somehow our
subscription to peace creates division
because Satan hates Christ and the
people he's working in hate Christ so he
says here remember in Luke 10 he tells
them behold I send you forth as lambs
among wolves and this sending forth this
Ministry of the disciples is what causes
division that the wolves are the ones
who are actually causing the division
they see the lambs and they become
bloodthirsty they see the limbs and they
become very angry because the lambs
represent Christ and they are they are
animated by the devil and so this is
what's causing the division and here
Christ tells us through Peter or Peter
tells us under the inspiration of Christ
for as much then as Christ has suffered
for us in the flesh and we just observed

Passover and rehearsed how he suffered
for us how he suffered how he suffered
for us in the flesh as much as we
understand that you arm yourselves in
the same way with the same mind gird up
the loins of your mind you arm yourself
in the same way with the same mind for
he that has suffered in the flesh has
ceased from sin so once we embrace this
Passover mind set once we gird up our
loins the devil doesn't have power over
us the devil doesn't have power over us
terrorism doesn't have power over us
we've moved beyond that the constraints
of this life we've moved beyond this
temporal life we have a long-term
eternal view and we know that Christ has
promised us in fact he's placed in us we
already have eternal life in us
so now we can be fearless that we are we
are not given a spirit of fear we are
given a spirit of a sound mind and of
love so we are we have boldness so here
he says that we must have Peters telling
us we have to put on this mind of Christ
that you saw how the mind of Christ was
he said I have a baptism to be baptized
with and how focused I am until it's
accomplished and so now we are sent out
as lambs among wolves
we must have this same mindset we're
just straightened we're just so
compelled to see the kingdom of God I
sure Dan and our loins are girded and we
are following our Lord and Savior and
you'll recall now in terms of this
division in in Luke 2 when Simeon gave
his prophecy and he said to Mary behold
this child that Jesus is set for the
fall and rising again of many in Israel
and for a sign which will be spoken a
game so he's saying he's going to be a
polarizing figure even within Israel the
people of God how much more in the world

nevermind that the nation that God has called so he's going to be this polarizing figure and so much so that Simeon says yes a sword shall burst through your own soul also that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed so even Mary would have to make a decision with respect to her son Jesus Christ and he came to be this polarizing figure if this is the once Christ came on earth then that's the beginning of the end and we all have to decide are we for Christ or against him because there's no in-between you're either for him or against him and and so here again even within the believing community now there's going to Christ is going to cause division and he said and Matthew tells us that Christ said that at this time of the end many are going to be offended in Christ this this whole notion of having to suffer for Christ they didn't sign up for this and so they'll be offended and because of that offense because of their fearfulness because of their cowardice because of their focus on themselves they shall betray those in Christ this is eating and drinking and being drunk and my master delays is coming and the kingdom isn't real and their loins are no longer girded they don't understand that battle of the mind that that pastor Marie explained to us last week when he was explaining what it means to gird up the loins of your mind they've lost the plot and so they've allowed Satan to get ahold of them and Christ has come to cause division even in the believing community and again there's this notion of once they've always saved it very dangerous because we become complacent and complacency kills we have to be

fired up and doing all we can to gird up
your loins and stake stay Kingdom
focused otherwise this is the result
many not a few many shall betray one
another and shall hate one another so
the agape love is completely
extinguished now so continuing in Luke
12 from 4 from henceforth so I've come
to cause division and from now on there
shall be five in a house or even within
a household now if this Christ has is a
polarizing figure we have to decide are
we for the Lord or not and Satan is
working energetically to keep as many
human beings under his domain as he can
and the Holy Spirit is working
energetically to usher in the kingdom of
God God is doing this with zeal but he's
doing it according to a very specific
timetable so from now on even in a house
a household of five members mom and dad
three children the house will be divided
three against two and two against three
the father shall be divided against the
Son and the son against the father the
mother against the daughter and the
daughter against the mother and the
mother-in-law against her
daughter-in-law and the daughter-in-law
against her mother-in-law this is what
Christ's entry into the earth has done
we thought he came to bring peace he
says no no no don't be confused I didn't
come to bring peace I came to bring
division

I've come to set fire on the earth and I
have a baptism with which I have to be
baptized and I'm focused on
accomplishing that and once that's done
I'm going to be gathering in the
firstfruits and I'm going to send them
out as lambs among wolves and even
within a household there's going to be
division over me this is what Christ is

saying now some people get confused and they want to accuse Christians of behaving badly that look Christians are causing this - we're not causing the division Christians believe in love christians believe in peace christians believe in trying to serve their neighbor serve even loving their enemy so we need to understand that this is a reference to the prophecy in micah to understand who is causing the division so if we go to micah 7 we see the prophet here saying woe is me for I am as when they have gathered summer fruits as the grape gleamings of the vintage for there is no cluster to eat my soul desired the first fruit ripe so something terrible has happened he had an expectation of fruit and there's no fruit to eat that the first fruits are gone and remember we read in Matthew 24 that many are going to betray many through cowardice through fearfulness through through negligence are going to go over to the other side not a few many and micah is reinforcing this that there's no fruit the good man is perished out of the earth so the land the wolves have turned on the lambs and the lambs have perished and there is none upright among men so so they're establishing their kingdom and they just kill anybody who doesn't agree with them and now everybody that's left agrees with them they all lie in wait for blood they hunt every man his brother the net so they've all become hunters of his brother so so you can't even trust your brother and this mentality is all around establishing Satan's Kingdom and that Kingdom began with Nimrod after the flood so Nimrod after the flood we see that

cush begat Nimrod and he began to be a mighty one in the earth he started to dominate over the earth he started to subjugate people so the same way that you see Mohammed when he came with his religion called surrender or submission and he just basically killed everybody in Saudi Arabia who didn't agree with him so by the time he died all of Saudi Arabia was Islamic well the first Muslims are right here in Genesis 10 the first people to surrender their will to another human being and do as they're told and do everything they're told these are the surrenders but the people of God do not surrender to creation that's idolatry the people of God only surrender to God and so here he was a mighty hunter he was hunting souls the same thing that Micah says will happen in the end time so all of the kingdoms of Satan through man follow this Nimrod philosophy of subjugation and force he was a mighty hunter before the Lord wherefore it is said even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord and so we actually so today in this end time we have this whole issue with his lamb spreading all over the world with their global ideology and the other issue we have is communism where communism is back and it's back with force and this Marxism philosophy is is they're also trying to gain global dominance and both of them the hard left or the extreme left and Islam both of them are trying to control and hunt men's souls and control them with force and subjugation and it all goes back all of these empires all go back to the root here of Nimrod who was a proxy for Satan and so here Micah continues they they're they're hunting men's souls and they're killing anybody who doesn't agree with

them why that they may do evil with both hands

the devil has completely overtaken them and if you study what they do what these empires do used to mean it's completely immoral they take pleasure in immoral behavior and they want to do it with both hands earnestly it says here that they may do evil with both hands earnestly the Prince asked and the judge asks for a reward so even in their highest positions of authority it's all corrupt it's all corrupt they may have the princely garments they may pretend that their judges and they're there to look after righteousness they're not and the great man he utters his mischievous devote desire and they wrap it up they love it the best of them is a thorn the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge so all the righteous men have been killed and and what's left are just men of low character pretended the day of your watchmen and your visitation comes now shall there be confusion now shall be their confusion so so there is an end coming to this during this time of treachery the prophecy says do not trust in a friend you can't trust anyone many shall betray one another this this time ahead is so frightful that the people who are not putting the oil in their lamps the people who are not preparing themselves with the Holy Spirit when this comes in it's going to come so suddenly like a thief in the night there's no time to develop godly character there's no time to nurture the Holy Spirit but we have to be doing that now so when this time comes we will not be among the betrayers but there are going to be many betrayers and so the advice of the Prophet here is to don't don't trust in a friend put no

confidence in a guide so even our
spiritual leaders don't put any
confidence in your spiritual leaders
keep the doors of your mouth from her
that lies in your bosom so again price
said even households will be divided
over him so one's wife or spouse or
husband
even they and when you study what how
communism was so ruthless that spouses
were turning one another in this is the
tie this is what happens to people who
are fearful and this is why it's so
important for us to pray for the holy
spirit so that we will be loyal
we will not be among those who betrayed
to save their own skin or for gain so he
says keep the keep your mouth shut
even for it even from your spouse for
the family structure has just been
destroyed the son dishonours the father
this is the wolf dishonouring the lamb
the daughter rises up against her mother
in in contradiction to the commandments
she doesn't honor her her mother she
rises up against her mother this is the
wolf rising up against the lamb the
daughter-in-law against her
mother-in-law and man's enemies are the
men of his own house Christ has come not
to bring peace but to bring division and
this division it goes right down into
the household in fact it even deeper
than that it was Simeon prophesied to
Mary that even her herself would have to
decide because it's going to be a
discerner of the thoughts and the hearts
of all men so even our own hearts are
going to be divided and we have to
decide are we for the Lord or are we for
this world
and so this Micah prophecy continues
that in this time of complete treachery
therefore I will look unto the Lord I

will wait for the God of my salvation so there needs to be this confidence that my lord is coming and he's coming right on time and I just have to be ready and so I'm going to look to the Lord and I will wait for the God of my salvation my God will hear me do not rejoice against me all my enemy when I fall so this time is so horrible that the enemy thinks they have the upper hand don't rejoice against me when I fall why I shall arise this is the kind of confidence that the Christian must have that there's life is not this temporary existence where everybody who's in this form of existence knows that we will die everyone knows they will die we are waiting for another form of existence that is eternal in nature that we will never die and so we are happy to concede this life to the devil that this is the devil's world and so knock yourself out if this is what you want have at it because we know this is coming to an end if Christ has come to earth and the process of the kingdom of God the good news has been declared it has been proclaimed and that process of the kingdom of God transitioning into the earth it's in play it is in play and God is recruiting the the new leadership for this new world and he's going to put us over his household to give me - in due season so we will be the priestly nation over all the nations this is coming as sure as I'm in front of you right now I'm sure as you hear these words this is coming and this is what we look forward to and this is why we can be faithful even unto death and we don't believe in takea we don't believe in religious deception and lying no all of that is from the devil we believe in truth and God's Word is truth and so here do not

rejoice against me all my enemy when I
fall I shall arise when I sit in
darkness the Lord shall be a light unto
me and Peter reminds us here he
certainly got this vision this is what
we were called to because Christ also
suffered for us leaving us an example
that we should follow in his steps so we
understand now we are Christians we are
following in our Lord steps and the same
way that he suffered were willing to
suffer and the same way that he will be
glorified he will glorify us when he
returns in his glory and and I'll just
remind you here were quite familiar of
this scripture in Revelation 20 that
John saw the souls of them that were
beheaded for the witness of Jesus
and for the word of god and they sat on
Thrones they they did not bow to the
Beast and they lived and reigned with
Christ a thousand years so do not
rejoice over me my enemy when I fall for
I shall arise and this is the
understanding of the Christian we shall
sit on Thrones and and it's not who ever
wins in this life that really wins
it's who avoids the second death and
lives and reigns with Christ for ever
and ever
these are the true winners so Michael
goes on to say that he will bear the
indignation of the Lord because he
sinned against him so who are we to say
that we shouldn't suffer until he plead
until he plead my cause and execute
judgment for me he will bring me forth
to the light and I shall behold his
righteousness continuing then in Luke so
this division that we see here the
Christian is not the cause
it is the wolves that are causing this
violence even in the household even in a
home they are treacherous and they are

betrayers and even as Judas was among the disciples the in fact is going to be the reverse where it was one betrayer and eleven loyal it sounds to me like in the prophecy it's going to be for every 12 disciples that Christ has one will be loyal and 11 will be betrayers that's what the scripture says and so we need to be guarding against this and filling ourselves up with the Holy Spirit and encouraging one another and learning to love one another and serve one another and be willing to sacrifice for one another now so that when the big decisions come they're easy we've already made them and he said also to people so now Christ continues so first he was talking to his disciples but now he's talking to the people and so he says to the people when you see a cloud rise out of the West straightway you say there comes a shower and so it is so they knew that you know when when the way

when the wind comes from the West rain is coming so it's coming from the sea and coming over to the land it's carrying water and when you see the south wind blow you say there will be heat and it comes to pass so you're pretty good at predicting the weather you can tell when clouds come over from the sea there's going to be rain when they come from the south when they come from the desert they're going to be is going to bring heat the wind's going to bring heat and your your spot-on so you can tell ahead of time by the weather patterns what's going to happen you hypocrites you can discern the face of the sky and of the earth but how is it that you do not discern this time so surprised was perplexed that they had the ability to predict the weather they

could see both cause and effect they
could very clearly see oh it's going to
rain tomorrow or it's gonna rain this
evening or it looks like it's going to
be warm they could tell this and yet
they could not discern the times and
that's that's the time we're living in
now that's why Christ says it's going to
come like a thief in the night it's
going to come as a snare upon the whole
earth because people are hypocrites they
don't want to see the truth
it was amazing to me I was at a business
retreat this week and one of the
business leaders said World War 3 is
coming and she's preparing her family to
face World War 3 I was shocked I had to
say to her I've never heard a business
leader just speak plainly because it's
all around us and it was a great
opportunity for me to preach the gospel
but all around us it's so clear that
we're in trouble we're in big big
trouble
and our governments are not going to
help us in fact our governments are
enabling the trouble why can't we see
this Christ Christ expects us to see
this and so we're being hypocrites when
we when we're thinking everything's
going to be fine
oh there's always been this kind of
trouble all things will continue the way
they've been no they won't
this is unprecedented we've never seen
trouble like this we have never seen the
price
these that are gripping the earth today
with this is unprecedented and we should
be able to tell the weather we should be
able to say oops
stormy weather is coming it should be so
obvious from the clouds that are
gathering and here in Thessalonians Paul

says the times and seasons brethren you have no need that I write unto you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night you should know this perfectly this is something that we should understand that everything is going to change suddenly when they say peace and safety sudden destruction we should understand this well here it is for when they shall say peace and safety then sudden destruction comes upon them as travail upon a woman with child and they shall not escape but you brethren are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief so we're not in darkness because we're studying the scriptures and the scriptures are like this if you don't study them you forget them if you don't study them you forget them this is why sometimes you might run into brethren that have stopped attending services they no longer read their Bible and you run on run into them maybe you're getting ready for Passover and then like oh is it Passover they have no clue that that the devil just takes it out of our minds so again that girding up our loins we need to be studying the scriptures and attending these studies and it's so wonderful actually to see the the constant rise in numbers now between facebook and youtube and roku and the web i think we're having over 700 people consistently following these Bible studies so that's showing there's an appetite we have an appetite we we want to understand the Word of God and we want to share this so brethren if those our viewer on Facebook please remember to like us so that we can spread and be in front of more people with this proclamation of this good news that is coming after there's

gonna be bad news people need to understand that and we need to ready ourselves for and that's what the scripture is that's what Christ is telling us to do do his will don't don't if we know his will and we don't do it we're in trouble so we need to do his will and then he's going to set us over his household but but there is a household that's coming he's establishing his kingdom and that's the good news that the kingdom of the Satan is going to be vanquished so in addition to to liking us please share with us share share this study I think of one person if everybody just thinks of one person and say you know I think you'd benefit from understanding the Gospel of Luke a lot of people misunderstand the gospel we have a weekly Bible study join us and I think as you continue as you continue to share this we'll just get this word out to more and more people so that we can ready ourselves for what is coming continuing in Luke 12 yes and why even of yourselves judge you not what is right so you see he can't understand why they cannot judge what is right so why you of yourselves can you not judge what is right when you go with your adversary to the magistrate as you are in the way give diligence that you may be delivered from him lest he hate lest he hail you to the judge and the judge deliver you to the officer and the officer cast you in prison I tell you you shall not depart there till you have paid the very last mite so so Christ is just telling them very clearly that they need to be careful that they themselves know that when they are in trouble with somebody in the law that they are careful to agree with their adversary because they

don't want to go to court because when the judge renders his verdict they could be thrown in prison and so rather than take it all the way to the courthouse what they will do is agree with their adversary so they don't have to be vulnerable in this way while Christ is telling them you know they're hypocrites because this judgment of God is coming and this is their opportunity to get right with God but rather than get right with God they're resisting him and so he says I tell you you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite and you know this is this is the covenant people here in Exodus all that the Lord has spoken we will do that's what they said and so God is going to go through the book of Deuteronomy and everything that they said that they would do they're going to pay the very last mite and so they they have to repent and this is very interesting now so after Christ tells them that you know they would agree with their adversary quickly to avoid the verdict of the judge they don't they don't want to be thrown in prison yet they're resisting God and so Luke then says beginning in chapter 13 verse 1 they were present at that season and really the Greek the indication of the Greek here is that it was just like coincidental that at the very same time that Christ is telling them that that they are going to be facing the judge though that they should they should try to avoid having to face the judge because they'll have to pay every last bit of what they owe at that very moment some told him of the Galileans whose blood Pilate mixed with their sacrifices and Jesus answering said unto them do you suppose that these Galileans were

sinner above all the Galileans because they suffered such things I tell you no but except you repent you shall all likewise perish he is speaking to Israel and Israel had agreed to do everything in the law all that the Lord has said we will do and they didn't do it and so Christ is saying now is your time to repent and agree with the judge or agree with your adversary so that you don't have to go to the judge so don't resist the proclamation of the kingdom agree with Christ otherwise you're going to be condemned so they're coming and saying these Galileans just to see what happened to them these are evil Pilate he took their blood and he mixed it with their sacrifices and they were just slaughtered and Christ saying what do you think that they were sinners more than you well you know what except you repent all Israel everybody here is going to perish in the same way there is a slaughter coming on Jerusalem there is a slaughter coming on Israel and I am here to warn you and to gather you but you're resisting me and then there was this other news of these 18 upon whom the tower of Siloam fell of a Siloam fell and it slew them so this tower slew them do you think that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem I'm telling you know that they were not different than anybody else in Jerusalem and except you repent you shall likewise perish so I miss again is just referring back to the earlier proverb with the with the two brothers who came to him saying you know or the younger brother saying I want my inheritance and can you argue my case and in Christ just said to him don't covet and get your heart right with God and the older brother who was coveting and trying to

keep everything it that night suddenly death came to him and and so he's really doing all he can to warn Israel - to warn Israel to repent and to turn away from their idolatry to turn away from their evil and to turn to the Living God and so I think it's just coming up on the bottom of the hour now a 30 so I'll pause here again I just remind you know Bible study next week so we'll resume on May 10th and then again hopefully we will do a better job with the technology but at least we had sound and so we give we give thanks to God for that you know this warning to Israel we are now those of us in the church we are now grafted into Israel we are Israel we are part of Israel and we must repent and we must understand the Lord's will and we can't just call him Lord Lord and then we don't do what he says we have to do what he says and this gospel message this this good news of the kingdom must go out but it must go out with a warning and people need to understand that they have to repent that now is the time to agree with their adversary before they get sentenced so why take it all the way to the courthouse when you have to be sentenced agree now and that's the offer that Christ was making to Israel and that's the offer that he's making to us today agree with him now gird up our loins be filled with the holy spirit and do what he says and don't be afraid of the wolves and trust our Father if we ask him for the Holy Spirit he's not going to give us a serpent you know asking for the Holy Spirit he's not going to give us a scorpion so when the Serpent's and the scorpions appear this is not it through this we are taking on the sufferings of Christ and through

this we will inherit the glory of Christ
forever Jesus Christ is Lord I look
forward to seeing you again in two weeks
god bless